

**Workforce Diversity Committee (WDC) Conference Call Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2000**

Participating on the call were:

E. G. King

Pat Brown

Barbara J. Smith

Brian Scheffler (for S. O. Duke)

Carlos Alonso

P. J. Jordan

David Ambrogio

Jose Villa

Gay McCain

Betty Shepherd

Tony Edmund

Absent were Rita Keeling, Archie Tucker, and Maureen Wright.

The conference call began at approximately 10:15 a.m. and ended about 11:30 a.m.

The focus of the call was to hear/review from each member what diversification efforts are taking/have taken place at his/her location and to decide on the date and place for the next Committee Meeting.

Each member reported on the efforts at their respective location.

The Committee decided to highlight the Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) initiatives already underway with Alabama A&M University and invite University and ARS administrators and scientists to join part of the meeting, namely Drs. McArthur Floyd, Sharma, Shuford, Ken and Rufina Ward, Sisanti, Saha, Streett, Reeves, and the USDA Liaison, Jane Ford-Wilson.

Action Items:     SCEP Programs

          MAMP Programs

          Identify Funds for Hiring

          Location Score Cards (Jose Villa, Rita to provide information)

          Enhance Diversity

          Review Location Diversification Highlights